

BMP Cost Share Program Overview

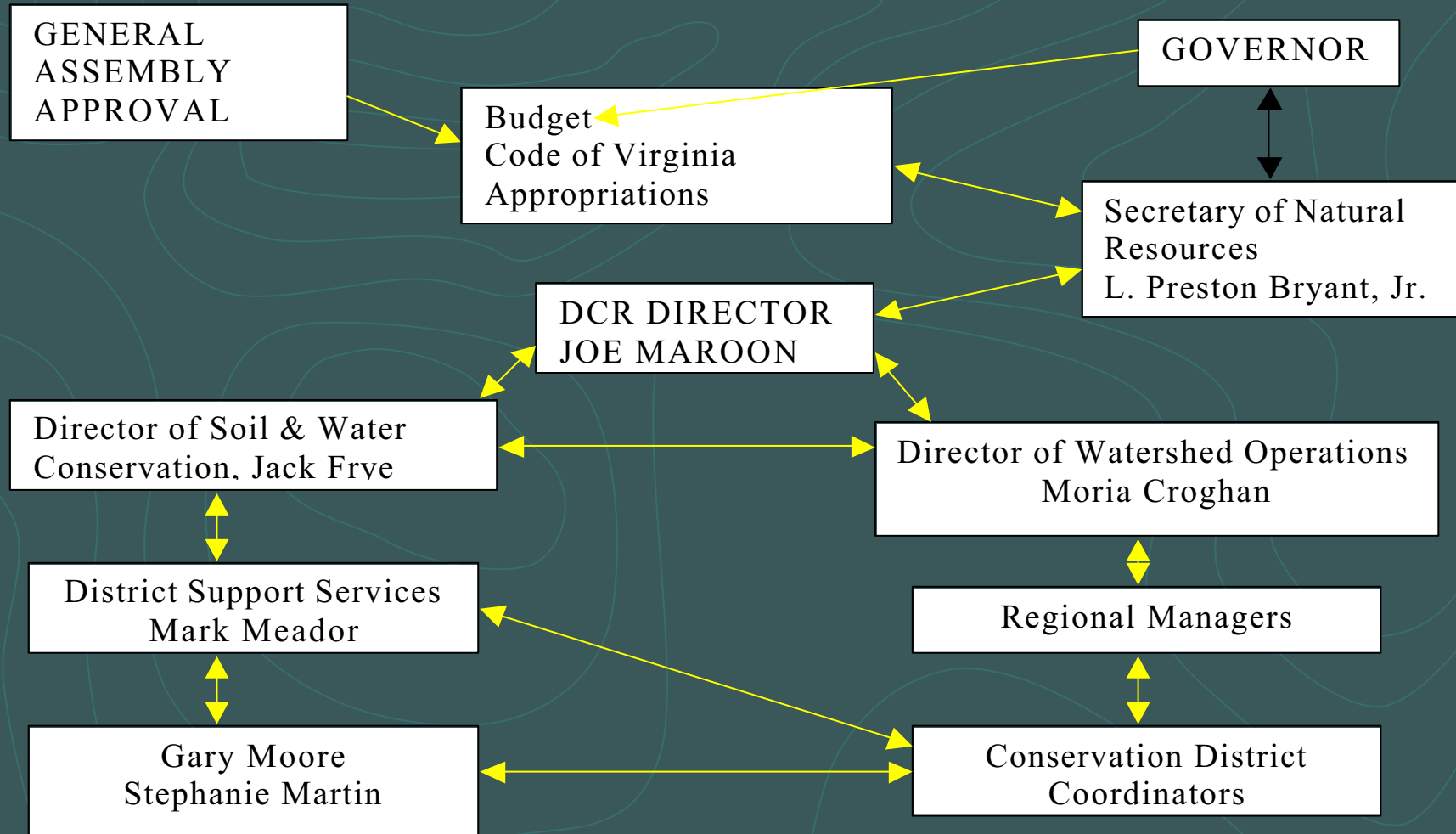
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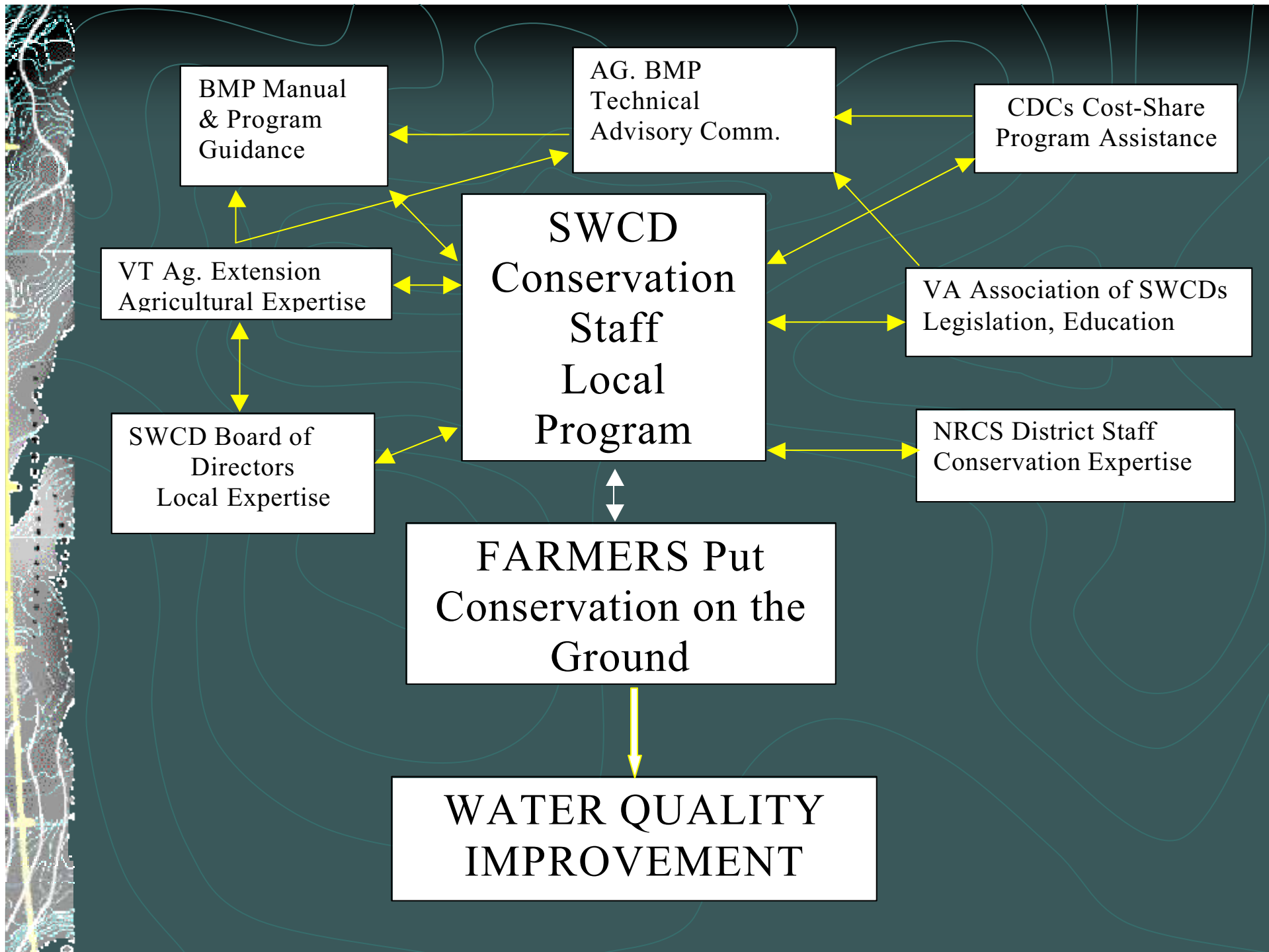
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CONSERVATION COMMUNICATIONS



State Environmental Policy, Goals and Commitments

- SONR and DCR director responsible to governor and general assembly for meeting obligations to
 - USDA, EPA, other funding organizations
- Input to general assembly from non-governmental organizations (CBF, ducks etc.), and industry



BMP Technical Advisory Committee

Includes:

- VASWCD area chairs & Ex. Director, 2 CDCs, NRCS programs and engineering, FSA, CBF, agribusiness council, dairymen's assoc., Swine producers, VACD employee's assoc., DEQ permits & loan program, VDACS, 2 SWCD employees, VCE, DOF, DGIF, small business assistance, DCR program staff, BMP & Nut. Man.
- Sending out summary of meetings

BMP Manual

- Printing whole manual every year VS. inserts
 - \$7.60/ manual
 - Allows for better editing
 - Assures correct manuals in the field
- Pull outs
 - 1st page all practices
 - I-49 to 51 cheat sheets for units
 - I- 42 to 47 green sheet filed by field instructions



Cost-share Program Goals

- Voluntary *Implementation* of BMPs on Ag. land for Water Quality Improvement
 - Five continuous years of receipts greater than \$1000 per year from sale of Agricultural, Horticultural or Forest Products produced on the land
 - minimum of 5 contiguous acres
- Focused on Implementation
- Must be an existing water quality problem
- Address the worst problems first (targeting)

Secondary Considerations

Local Control

- Priority considerations provide statewide eligibility & approval criteria; 1/3 HEL, WQI 5, EI 8
- Local control of BMP approval process
 - Through targeted recruitment
 - Through secondary considerations
 - Not by practice, by results
 - Must be used to approve all applications for the year
- Ranking Applications



Funding Limits

Statewide Program cap of \$50,000

Local Control of Funding Distribution Process

- A few big practices or more small practices?
 - Cap crop and pasture land practices
 - By applicant or by practice
 - Cap animal WP-4, 4B, 4C
 - By practice or by applicant
 - Applicant cap
 - By Allocation Category
 - Base and Priority should be the same

The background of the slide is a topographic map of a river valley. The map shows a winding river in the center, with contour lines indicating the surrounding terrain. The map is oriented vertically, with the river flowing from top to bottom. The colors are muted, with greens and browns representing different elevations and land cover.

Contracted Practices Caps

- Cap at time of approval will control amount of cost-share for contract period
- Caps may limit the total payment for contracted cover crops

Allocation Categories

- Base program
 - Used to fund any appropriate practice including priority practices
- Priority practices used to fund
 - NM-3, NM-3, NM-3B, NM-4, SL-8B, SL-8, WQ-4, SL-1, SL-15A, SL-6, WP-2, FR-3, WQ-1 only
- Contracted practices
 - Used to fund NM-1, NM-2 and SL-8C only
 - Do not commit more than allocated, DCR holding years 2 & 3
- Commitment for funding levels of at least sum of Base and Priority amounts for 2008

RE-allocation process

- Reward the best performers by re-allocating unobligated monies available at end of program year
- Primary measurable
 - Reallocation based upon performance by category
 - Those SWCDs that issued or obligated the largest percentages of their original allocations
 - May refuse re-allocation monies if offered
 - Issued second quarter

Financial Management

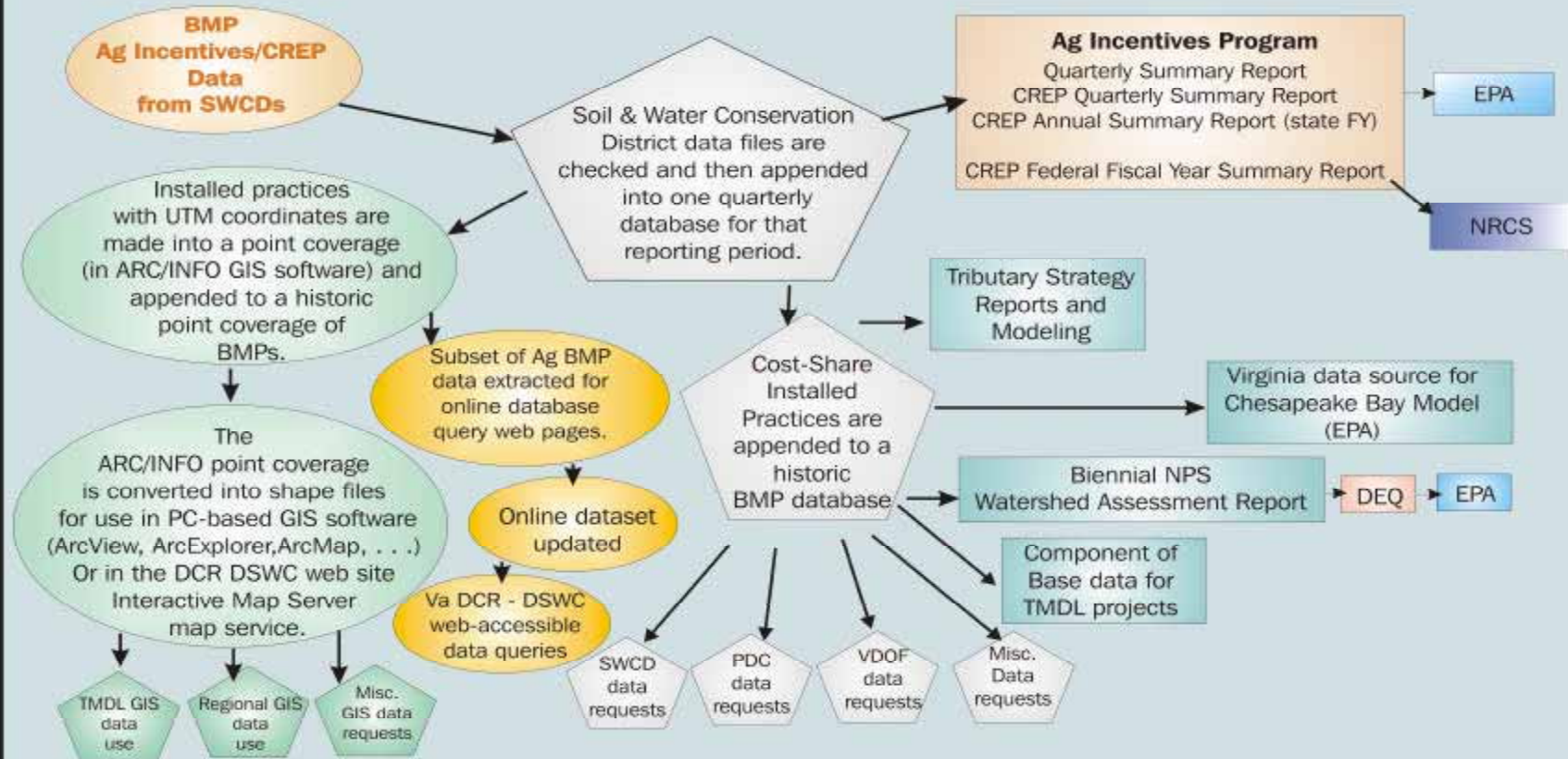
- Tracking program has multiple budget report capabilities
 - Many new program types available (be careful)
- Must track authorizations and payments by allocation categories (quarterly budget reports)
 - Do not have to be in different bank accounts
 - Track interest & fees by category
 - Track (attachment F) technical assistance dollars taken by category

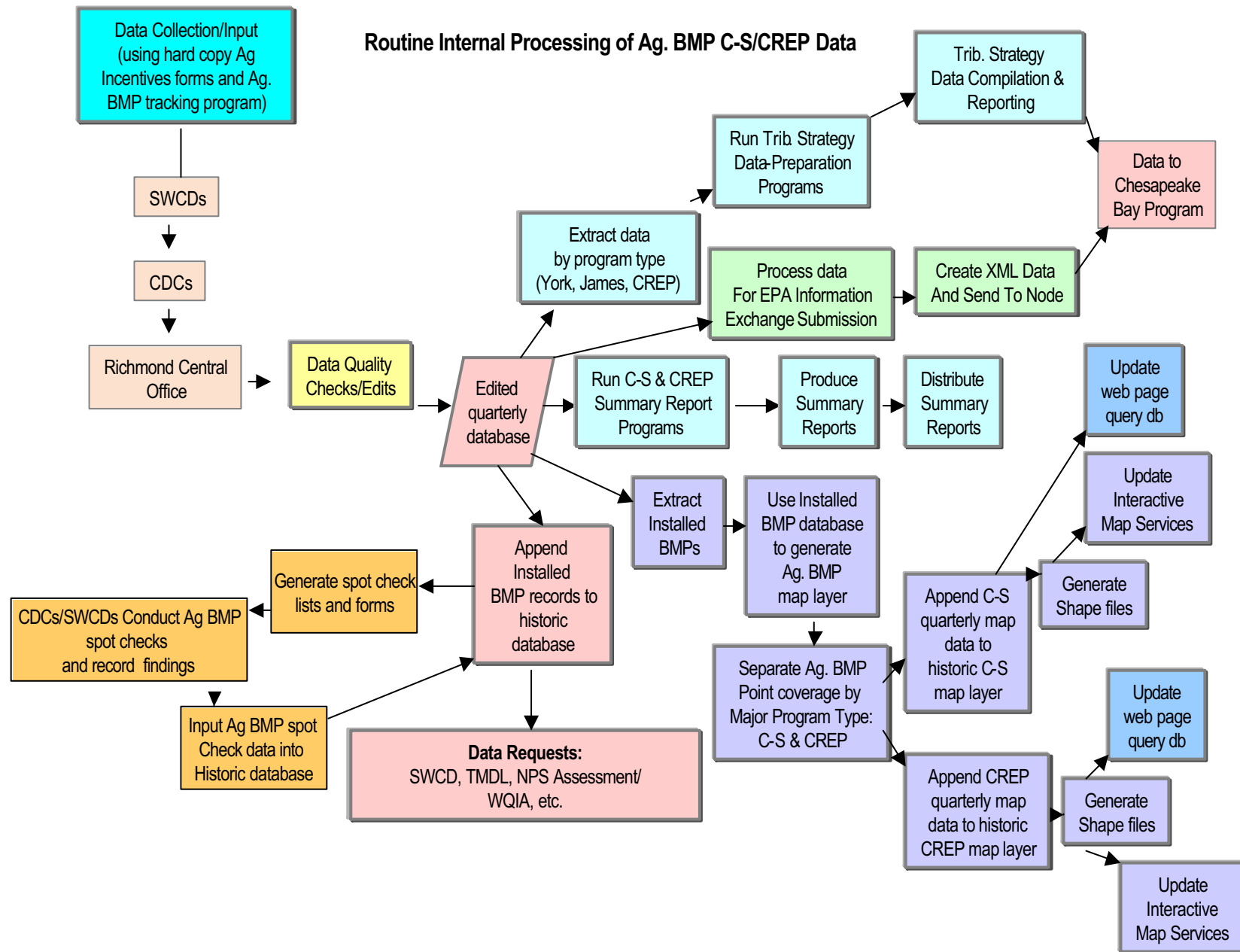
DATA COLLECTION

- Use Cheat Sheets I-48 to I-51 units
- Use Request Form Instructions I-42
- S & R and Gross erosion are basis for N & P reductions in quarterly reports and reported to general assembly
- Verify correct Program Type, reflected in budget reports

DATA FLOW

Commonwealth of Virginia General Flow Chart of Ag BMP Data Deployment







Access to Data

- Create Reports for you BOD or County BOS
- Ag. BMP Database Query
 - <http://192.206.31.52/cfprog/dswc/crepprm.cfm>
- CREP Database Query Parameter Selection Form
 - <http://192.206.31.52/cfprog/dswc/bmpprm.cfm>